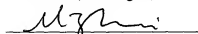


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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the United States national phase application of the above-identified PCT international application as follows.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 12 of page 24 as shown. Applicants enclose a separate page indicating the amendments to the specification with deletions indicated by bracketing and additions indicated with underlining.

All the above-mentioned complexes can be studied by use of a known X-ray diffraction technology and made precise so as to have an R value of about 0.20 or less in comparison with 2 to 3 Å resolution X-ray data by use of a computer software (for example, X-POLAR, Yale University, 1992, distributed by Molecular Simulation, Inc) (for example, Blundel & Johnson, Protein Crystallography, Academic Press (1976), Methods in Enzymology, Vol. 114, 115, H.W.